

Oil lamps with an image of a horse's head.

It is a great success for us to recreating a oil lamp from the early 1st century for the needs of correct historical reconstructions with an image of a horse's head. After several years of creative work and making tools for their production, I have 2 different finished oil lamps, one with an image of a tragic mask and the other with an image of a horse's head.



This is my second creative project. Each of our oil lamps is unique! I can't make the same lamp no matter how hard I try !



There are differences in the oil lamps , but this is normal! Each one is different from the other. In those horse heads model, it is very often seen that the opening in the middle is in the form of a phallus with testicles.

Bronze finished versions of both oil lamp models.



My creative wax project .



The sizes I achieved are very attractive! Dimensions: length 16,5 cm. width 5,8 cm. height 10 cm. Weight on brass about 400 or 430 grams. The whole wax project is maximally thinned and hollow to be reduce weight.



Of course, these sizes lead to higher difficulties of metal casting due to the complexity of the manufacturing process .But it was also like that and in antiquity.



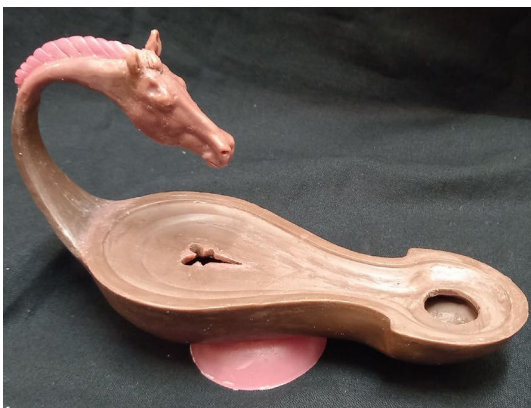
My replica is fully functional .Balance is excellent! No wobbles or flipping! Again I bow to the genius of the ancient masters! Even now with electricity and modern tools I find it hard to come close to their quality!



The hippodrome was a source for huge emotions for Roman citizens! In addition to betting money there in different volumes, Roman citizens witnessed extremely exciting speeds with some of the best horses in the empire.



Of course, my horse's head is not an exact copy of that of the ancient originals! All oil lamps (by archaeology) with horse -heads are different and have differences in anatomy. Also, mine brings its creative differences.



The lamps with an image of a horse's head are made of bronze, a material proven in its durability over time. Bronze lamps were a very expensive item, a luxury item in antiquity, (as well as now) unlike their clay analogues which broke often and were cheaper due to the material and their easier way of production. So, certainly the bronze lamps were more durable in time and were stored for a very long time.

At this stage this oil-bronze lamp with the shape of a cut of a phallus are with a precise dating from its burial - the eruption of the volcano Vesuvius 79 AD.



Horse head oil lamps are in great variety and my brother Jordan Dimitrov decided to make a new larger horse head for the new oil lamp!



